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The Divya Prabandham provides an insight into many ancient customs of the Tamil culture, which have either passed into oblivion or exist merely as rituals today. The Alwars' poetry not only describe the nature and content of these practices, the context in which they are performed, and the spirit in which they must be viewed, but also the psychological benefit that accrues from them. Reference was made in an earlier article, (Music and Dance Traditions in the Divya Prabandham, IMJ XI, 1980, p. 57-64) to the folk elements in Tirumangai Alwar's poetry. This paper is an extension of that theme, and also refers to practices that arose as a movement of the masses, but became accepted by the Vedic intelligentsia.

PUSAL

The Sanskrit word Puja has become accepted to mean prayer. However, the concept of prayer as petition for favours or penitence for sin appears to be alien to the Tamil psyche. The original Tamil word is Pusai, or adoration with flowers. The primary purpose is an aesthetic enjoyment and expression of love. The returns are spiritual, not worldly.

Andal outlines the process of flower-worship thus: "Coming as pure, we shall strew good flowers, sing songs, and contemplate." (தூயோமாய் வந்து நாம் தூமலர் தூவித்தொழுது வாயினுல் பாடி மனதினுல் சிந்திக்க, Tirup. 5)

Nammalwar extends the process of worship to the media of the five elements air, fire, earth, water, and space thus:

'With incense, lamp, fresh flowers, water, and songs, we shall worship everyday.'' (நாளும் புகையால் விளக்கால் புதுமலரால் நீரால் இறைஞ்சு, TVM 10-4-10)

The iconic representation of the Supreme Being (Arca) provides a direct physical means for the expression of love and the performance of acts connected with it. The Arca may be carved of wood or stone, cast in stucco or in bronze, may be self-formed or chiselled, but in all tnese, the common element is the actualization of a conceptual reality.

The bliss of God—love is likened to the sweetness of milk, curds, honey, sugarcane juice and butter; only He is ஆராவமுது, insatiable ambrosia. This association becomes strengthened when the icon is washed and bathed with milk, honey, and such other substances. Periya war sings his love for the child Krishna with several decads devoted to bathing, anointing, and dressing the wonder-boy.

Song is the strongest expression of love, but the outward formations of language, melody and rhythm must spring from the inner consciousness of harmonious joy. Hence Dhyana is an integral part of worship, whether through pure song or through ritual acts accompanied by song(எண்ணும் திருநாமம், TVM 10.5.1)

The dominant Rasa in Pusai are Sringara and Karuna. The benefits that accrue from these acts are: opportunity for self-improvement (போயப் பிழையும் புகுதருவான் நின்றனவும் தீயினில் தூசாகும், Tirup 5) and Grace (அடியார்க்கு அருள் பேறே TVM 10-5-11)

MADAL

This is an ancient practice of self-mortification in love. When a man becomes possessed by love for a woman of high birth and sees no hope of winning her hand by fair means, he may resort to mounting the thorny Palmyra stalk. He then rides it like a hobby horse inebriated, in the streets and highways everywhere, shouting lewd poetry and publicly declaring his love. The thorns on the Palmyra stalk pierce and bleed him, and the pain only heightens his love-madness.

Tirumangai Alwar has rendered two madals raving his love for God. The erotic theme is dramatised in the Siriya Tirumadal. Instead of a male seeking the hand of a female, it is Tirumangai in the garb of a female seeking the love of God. The poem introduces us to the heroine, a fair maiden with slender waist, firm round breasts, well-made coiffure and well ornamented frame. She comes to the balcony to play ball, when her friends below call her to join them and witness an acrobat dance on a pot. The allusion is to Krishna in his Lila at Brindavan, and also by association to the Arca at Kunbakonam. "Friends, this is when I was watching him dance, all my travails began," laments the heroine. I lost my fair bangles from my arms, and would not be consoled by any means." The loosening of bangles from the wrist is a symbolic expression of love-lament. The maiden gives up food and sleep and pines away for her lover.

Seeing that the maiden is possessed, the mother / chaperon calls a gypsy for help. The gypsy in turn examines the girl and goes into a trance. In her seance, she describes the "Spirit" of the person who has possessed the maiden, in terms which are an obvious reminder of the exploits of Krishna, Rama and Vamana-Trivikrama. She advises that the only way to cure the girl's infatuation is to get the Tulasi garland (Medicinal basil) from the feet of Krishna. Considering that this is an impossible task, the mother withdraws from the scene.

In the next scene, the heroine announces her intention to mount the Palmyra horse. A crowd gathers. People advise her not to perform the act, since prudery forbids a woman of high birth to roam the streets thus. The maiden however cites the instances of other heroines who have mortified themselves for their men's loves (Did not Sita walk the thorny path for her Rama's love?) and chalks out the arduous path she will trudge, seeking her Lord's love, or His medicinal Tulasi. The passage takes her through several of the Vaishnava shrines from Badari to Tirukkurungudi.

Tirumangai Alwar's Madals are part of the lyarpa section (Book-III of the Nalayira Divya Prabandham). The dramatic element being dominant, they are generally sung in Svarantara during the deity's procession. The love-motif finds a place in the Isaipa also, in Nammalwar's Masaru Codi (TVM 5.3). "After I have lost my charms, my hue, and my shame, sister, what does it matter if the world speaks slanderously of us? Let my mother spit fire, it does not matter. I shall ride the Palmyra horse" sings Nammalwar as Nayika conversing with her Sakhi. The music is set in the raga Todi, Caturasra nadai Rupaka tala, and recalls the merry canter of the horse and the indignant tone of its rider. One feels a sense of suspense and fear, Bhayanaka, in the Madal poetry, but this only subserves the main rasa of Sringara which is dominant to the theme.

The benefit that accrues from the Madal songs, says Nammalwar is that all the world will be to them as Vaikuntha, (வைகுந்த மாகும் தம்மூரெல்லாம்) or heaven. But perhaps we could better ask a child what thrill there is in riding a hobby horse!

KULAMANI DURAM

"Removal of the jewels on the ears and coiffure", this is a humiliation dance inflicted upon the vanquished in war, by the

victor. Among other acts, the victor cuts the stem of the enemy's parasol and measures out his territory for annexation. He takes the other's queens, strips him of his regalia, and makes him dance on his knees, hands tied behind the back, to the beat of the drum.

The custom is made use of by Tirumangai Alwar in his decad (PT 10.3) to describe the plight of the routed Rakshasas in the hands of the victorious Vanara army, after Rama's seige of Lanka city. The Rakshasas are made to beg for mercy, chanting Rama's fair name "till the tongues are swollen" (ஏத்துகின்றேம் நாத் தழும்ப இராமன் திருநாமம்).

This is preceded by a decad in which the sound of the tribal drum "Tadam Pongottam Pongo" appears as a refrain in the fourth line of each stanza. The pleading tone of the Rakshasas is heightened by the music set in Des raga. Tirumangai Alwar exhorts all devotees to sing and dance, and adds in the Pongottam Pongo that those who perform this will have no despair here, and at death, the Universe (Vaikuntha) will be their abode. (இம்மையே பிடரில்ஸ் இறந்தால் தங்கு மூரண்டமே, PT 10-2).

Vibhatsa, aversion, is the rasa when contemplating the Rakshasas' plight but cleverly used to highlight Karuna for Sita in her imprisonment.

SIRRIL

Children are fond of building sand castles, They beautify it with flowers, flags and colours. This is a creative expression of joy. Andal uses this common motif to invite Kamadeva, god of love. Even as she and her friends complete their sand castles (Sirrils) and rise, Krishna, a young prankster, appears and destroys them with his foot. The spontaneous act evokes the tender love of young boys and girls, and Andal's decad in the Nachiyar Tirumozhi sings this theme in openly erotic terms. The rasa is Sringara, and the Phalasruti grants Heaven to those who recite it (குறைவின்றி வைகுந்தம் சேர்வரே, NT 2-10).

KUDAL

Among the many omens in the Tamil tradition, Kudal is a god invoked to join parted lovers. Tirumalisai Alwar refers to this as a mystic ring in his Tiruccendaviruttam. Andal sets the fourth decad of her Tirumoli to this strain. She blindfolds herself and

Andal blesses such performers with freedom from sin (இல்லே பாவமே, NT 4.10)

PEY VIRATTAL

The exorcising of evil spirits has already been refered to in Madal above. When a person's behaviour appears strange or irrational, when there is excessive loss of apetite and sleep, for no apparent reason, when he or she speaks disjointedly, hysterically or deliriously, when he or she is afflicted by depression of the spirit, then an evil spirit or ghoul is said to have possessed him or her. To rid the person of the spirit, drums beat and men and women dance in a franzy, shaking their shoulders and beating their hands. A goat is butchered, and toddy is poured, to propitiate the spirit. Black rice is offered at the altar. The dancing is accompanied by loud toneless music of pipes and drums.

The picture appears barbaric to the "modern" mind, but let us recall that depression of spirits ("mental health") is very much a problem even today, perhaps more so in the industrially advanced nations, and that the solutions that such societies have come up with ("Friday night fevers") are really no different from Pey-Virattal.

Nammalwar has devoted a decad to this theme. A maiden deeply affected by God-love is diagnosed as being possessed, and a witch-doctor is sent for, to perform the exorcism. A well-meaning friend of the girl strongly protests and suggests other ways to cure the maiden. "Offer her a sprig of Tulasi, white mud, the company of pious Bhagavatas, and chant, sing and dance the names of the Lord. Take her to a temple if you can. That will cure her.". (T.V.M. 4.6) The message cannot be clearer for those who can take it.

Andal uses a similar motif in the penultimate decad of her Tirumoli. After all efforts to secure her love fail, she passes into a swoon, and in her "last words" asks for a whiff of fresh air fanned with the Lord's vestments, or His sacred Tulasi on her hair, or a drop of water from the Lord's flute-hole to revive her.

Nammalwar concludes that those who can sing and dance his decad will forever be freed of depression of spirits (தொழுதாடிப் பாட வல்லார் துக்க சீலமிலர்களே TVM-6.11) Andal too vouchsafes the same (துன்பக்கடலுள் துவளாரே, NT 13.10).

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RAGAS IN SEED FORM

Ragas found their full development in the Kritis of the Trinity some two hundred years ago. Many new rages were developed from Melakartas enriching our heritage. Age-old traditional tunes were preserved in the new Sahityas of Vaggeyakaras during that period. The process continued, much in the style set by the Trinity. And then there began a process of change, a little over sixty years ago, a process which has been hotly criticised, or strongly defended, but never stopped: People have begun to feel less and less, and think more and more. Music then, has ceased to be a communication of hearts, reaches the inner man less and less and serves only to please or tingle the outer ear.

A concern was voiced in a seminar recently (held at Madras by the Sruti Foundation) over the 'state and fate of Karnatak Music". The speakers were for the most part speaking at a tangent, their concern being more for the dwindling Market for the art, but the occasion was noteworthy insofar as it drew attention to (a) the breakdown of classical values, (b) the inability of the modern musician to draw and sustain the interest of their listeners and (c) the unwillingness of the rising generation to carry forward the cultural torch. A positive outlook emerged from a point made by an unscheduled speaker, which was later taken up and elaborated by 'IAS' Ramamurthy, that in the Indian system of thought, Dhvani, or tone, is said to be Sasvata, or permanent/ eternal, and that ragas therefore are undying. With the qualification that some ragas do pass out of fashion, and that the Trinity's development of sancaras in the major ragas do face extinction due to disuse or mishandling, we accept the spirit of the statement. Ragas being tone poems developed from Pranava which is the undying seed of all sound, every new generation will discover the medium for its artistic expression by contemplating on the seed.

It is a source of inspiration-and humility-to realise that far from being creators of our art, we as artists and rasikas are for the most part consumers of an art created long ago, and that art will never find its relevence in the lives of people unless the truly creative principle is restored. This may result in novelty, or it may revive something of the distant past, but either way, the effect will find life by the strength of its creative force.

Many old ladies in villages even today, spin out songs in fond praise of the temple deity. They do not compose, they merely

sing. But therein lies a fund of valuable raga material, in its nascent stage, almost seed from. Simple two-lines tunes pulsate with life, preserving more of the spirit of ragas than can Arohana-Avarohana and elaborate notes/recordings.

Here are some tunes collected during the past few years as part of our activities to promote group-singing. Readers may write and tell us of more they may have.

- 1 Bhairavi: (Vanam Ennum, IMJ XII) p. 56)

 DnŠaŠa ŠaŠaŠa DnŠaŠa ŘMġŘŠa niniDa PaPaMa PdniDa Pa...
 PaSaSa niDaPa MaPaMa MgaRiSa SRaRi PMagRi gaSaSa Sa...
- 2 Yadukula Kamboji: (Dwarkapuri, IMJ XIV p. 67)
 SaSa SaSa RiMa PaDa DSSD DPPM MPMD Pa...
 PDDS SDDP DPMG RSRI RIMG GRMG RSaS Sa...
- 3 Navroj: (Sundeli Nalu, IMJ XII, p. 44)
 SaSS SaSa SaRS SNDP DaSS SaSS SRGM Ga...
 GaMa PaMG RiMG RSSS SRiR RiNR GPGR SNDP
- 4 Sahana: (Lali Sri)

RiGM Pa.... Ma.G Sa ... DSnD Dani Dani Sri Krsnu du nila me gavaru na lali RMGR Sa... GaRi ... Ga MaPa PaMa GaGa RiRi go palay nidra krsnay ya bala ya

-Editor

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Srirama Bharati

Periyalwar, a Brahmin in Srivilliputtur near Madurai, lived during the reign of Vallabhadeva Raya of the Pandya dynasty (8th cent. AD). He used to make flower garlands for the Lord (Vatapatra Sayi). Once he spoke inspired before a collection of Pandits on the merits of the Bhagavata Dharma, and the contest prize came to him unasked. The king honoured him, made Bhagavata Dharma the State religion, and took Periyalwar in procession on a caparisoned elephant. On the elephant, Periyalwar had a vision of the Lord appearing on his Garuda. He burst into song "Pallandu, pallandu" in ecstacy, and grabbed the elephant bells in his hands and began to ring them.

Sadagopan had had a vision of how Periyalwar had done this, when he was in the Alagar temple at Madurai in 1973, and he burst into song saying "this is how he must have sung it," He then sat and worked on the remaining ten stanzas from July to September 1976 and taught it to us at Delhi. When it was completed, he said he felt this was a masterpiece, and was able to fully recapture the first vision that Periyalwar had initiated.

THE COMPOSITION

The Tiruppallandu is the first decad of the Divya Prabandham. It is traditionally considered the Pranava of the eight-syllable Mantra. In terms of Sadagopan's musical arrangement too, the

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description fits, as it requires intensive breath control and voiceculture. Unlike Kritis, there is no room for extemporization or free song.

This piece is also the earliest musicological representative of the Tri-dhatu Prabandha available to us in actual performance. The name Divya Prabandham thereby gains greater significance, for it is clear that Prabandha here refers not only to metrical poem but also its musical treatment. This is a vital but neglected aspect of Alwars' works. (For more, see The Divya Prabandham as a Musical Form, IMJ XIV, 1985, p. 37-41)

PERFORMANCE

In the temple, the piece is to be performed before the Acala vigraha. The Arayar, or anyone else designated to perform, is honoured with the Lord's vestment (Pariattem) and a flower garland from his person. The Arayar then addresses his song to the Lord (stanzas 1 & 2), then to the gathering (stanzas 3-8) then again to the Lord (Stanzas 9, 10). At this point he moves into dance, recalling the Kalia-Nartana. Finally he addresses the Lord in a poignant personal rapport. The piece closes with a Phalasruti, offering benedictions to all who have shared the experience.

THE HINDI VERSION

I have performed this piece on many occasions, but often felt that my non-Tamil speaking audiences were missing the grandeur of the message. A challenging opportunity arose in the summer of 1985, when there was a proposal to invite me for performance at the Vishnu Digamber Festival at IKSV, Khairagarh. Slowly, a Hindi version of the text began to take shape, which closely followed the original phonemically.

Often, Sanskrit words would appear and these would enter the Hindi version without any difficulty. Throughout the process, the music-in raga, tala, svara, and phrasing-remained identical to the Tamil rendering, and the work was completed with a manuscript on Bhurja patra.

The invitation at Khairagarh did not materialise, nevertheless we sang it at Melkote on Digambar Jayanti before a small gathering, Those who heard it said they were reminded of Tagore's Bengali version of Dikshitar's Purvikalyani kriti Minakshi, or Syama Sastri's parallel Telugu version of his Kalyani

Himadrisute. On the whole the experience was satisfying, for I had felt committed to retaining Sadagopan's music, and was able to do so translingually.

The text repeats the Tamil in Hindustani verbatim. Only in the last line of stanza 12, I was compelled to deviate from the verbal sentiment, in order to accommodate the spirit. The original line reads பரமாத்மனேச் சூழ்ந்திருந்தேத்துவர் பல்லாண்டே, which actually recalls to the mind's eye the Lord's Durbar, where devotees throng in the order of their merit, and perform various Kainkaryas like waving the whisk, holding the parasol, fanning etc. This is familiar to those who have seen the temple ritual. In the Hindi version I have only said "those who deeply love the Lord", conveying thereby the Sense of the original.

The Hindi version has helped me communicate to larger audiences immensely. Once in Nangunneri (Vanamamalai) I was overwhelmed by the presence of a huge throng of devotees from Rajasthan and was delighted to know that the Lord's fame has such vast boundaries. My rapport with them through the "Bahuvarsh" was immediate, and lasting.

The text of the Hindi version appears on pages 2-4 of the section. Readers who can help me improve the version may like to write and tell me of their views. For those who may not know the original Tamil, a rough English equivalent is given below.

 Many years, many years, many thousands of years, and many hundred thousands more. Gem hued Lord with mighty wrestling shoulders, your ruby lotus feet are our refuge.

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 To the bond between us, many and many a thousand years. To the dainty lady resting on your manly chest, many and many a thousand years.

To the fiery orb discus adorning your right shoulder, many and many a thousand years.

To the conch Pancajanya that struck terror in the battlefield, many and many a thousand years.

 You that stand and suffer life, come, accept talc paste and fragrance. Those who are slaves of the palate we shall not admit into our fold.

For seven generations, pure hearted, we have sung the praises of Kodandarama who launched an army and detsroyed Lanka, demon's haunt.

- 4. Before you place your trust on infirm ground, come join us. O like-hearted men, give up your temporal aims and join us quick. Let town and country resound with the chant Namo Narayana. Ye devotees who wish to sing come join us in singing "Bahuvarsha".
- Asserting His supremacy over all creation, as Hrishikesa, He destroyed the clannish Asuras and Rakshasas.

O devotees, revere His feet, chanting the thousand names. Give up your old connections and ways, and sing many thousands of years, "Bahuvarsha".

 My father's father's father, and his grandfather before him, over seven generations have performed His service.

In the asterism of Saravana, at dusk, he came as the man-lion and tore apart the foe. End your suffering, join us. Sing many years, many thousand years, "Bahuvarsha".

- 7. Branded with the shape of the radiant discus, blazing with the brilliance of fire, we stand and serve generation after generation. For Him who swirled the discus over Bana who was waging wars of illusion, and made his thousand shoulders bleed, sing "Bahuvarsha".
- 8. He gives me good rice food with ghee, and privileges of attendance. Betel leaf and areca nut in hand, ornaments for neck and ears, and fragrant Sandal paste to smear. He purges my soul. He has Garuda on his banner, for Him I sing Bahuvarsha.
- The yello vestment you wear and discard, we wear, and eat your leftovers. The woven Tulasi flowers you wear we wear and rejoice in. Keeping watch over the ways of

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the world you appeared in the Asterism of Saravana; reclining on a hooded snake, to thee we sing 'Bahuvarsha''.

- 10. My Lord. the day we became your bonded serfs, that very day our entire clan found its refuge and salvation, see. O you who appeared in that auspicious day in Mathura and destroyed (Kamsa's) arsenal, and danced on the five-hooded snake, "Bahuvarsha" to you.
- 11. (Note: Pancama sruti, in which the above two stanzas are rendered, is a rare Prayoga devised by Sadagopan to demonstrate the identity of relationship between Punnagavarali and the Uttaranga of Bhairavi that follows.)
- 12. Like the faultless chief of Kottiyur, Selvanambi, a mountain of respectability, I too my Lord, am an old faithful servant of thee. Chanting Namo Narayana and other names in myriad ways with all my power, O pure One, I sing Bahuvarsha to thee.
- 13. These words were uttered with love by Villiputtur's Vishnu Chitta (Periyalwar), wishing Bahuvarsha for the pure Lord, large hearted one, wielder of the Saranga bow. Those who enjoy singing, chanting Namo Narayanaya this good year, and surround the Lord at all times, for them too, "Bahuvarsha".

VADIVALAGU POETRY

Poetry inspired by the icon has a long tradition in the Tamil literary history. It becomes a preoccupation in vaishnava literature as Vadivalagu idupadu. Ilakkana Vilakkam (5.6.) distinguishes, two formats,: Padadikesam or description from toe to head, and Kesadipadam or description from head to toe. The convention is to reserve the former for eulogising God (Tiruppadakesan, Perialvar 3.20) and the latter for describing all Alvars and Acaryas. Exception do exist. For example, Nammalvar in TVM 7.3 describes the enchanting beauty of Krishna's face directly. Again in Mudiccodi (TVM 3.1) he speaks first of Mudi (crown), and then of Adi (feet).

The earliest complete description of form appears to be Tiruppanalvar's Amalanadipiran, where the reclining Ranganatha of Srirangam is described in nine moving songs-feet, vestments, naval, waistband, chest, neck, coral lips, radiant eyes, and face-and ends with the dedication that having enjoyed this vision, his eyes shall see naught else.

A similar poem in curnika (free verse) is Tirumangai Alvar-Vadivalagu, a work ascribed to Sri Varavara Muni (15th cent.). The life-like description brings to the mind's eye the standing icon of Tirumangai mannan at Vayalali, his birth-place, standing in Anjali mudra with spear resting on his left shoulder. A version heard from Yatirajamma was given in Devagana (1985). Another version from a privately circulated booklet is given here. This is generally rendered in Devagandhari raga, in free rhythm.

திருமங்கை ஆழ்வார் வடிவழகு

பேதை நெஞ்சே! இன்றைப் பெருமை அறிந்திலேயோ! ஏது பெருமை இன்றைக்கென்னென்னில்—ஓதுகிறேன்.

வாய்த்தபுகழ் மங்கையர் கோன் மாஙிலத்தில் வந்துதித்த கார்த்திகையில் கார்த்திகை நாள்.

மாறன் பணித்த தமிழ்மறைக்கு மங்கையர் கோன் ஆறங்கம் கூற அவதரித்த—வீறுடைய

கார்த்திகையில் கார்த்திகைகாள் இன்றென்று காதலிப்பார் வாய்த்த மலர்த்தாள்கள் கெஞ்சே வாழ்த்து.

VADIVALAGU POETRY IN BHAKTI LITERATURE

INTRODUCTION

While the Alwars addressed their poetry to God in all his manifestations of Para, Vyuha, Vibhava, Arca, and Antaryamin, it was to the Arca that they were most attracted. The captivating still-life beauty of the icon sent the Alvars into raptures, and they would break into song.

Can the process work in the reverse as well? Can song transform itself into icon? It would appear yes, for when Nammalvar came to his worldly journey's end, Madhurakavi made it his mission to spread the Tiruvaimoli, and sang a decad in his Guru's praise. But he so missed his Guru that the song, wherein he says that his master's form appears before him wherever he roams, inspired him to cast his master's icon. It is said that with his yogic powers he heated Tamraparni waters and produced an icon. This was one with folded hands (Anjali Mudra), "But this is not how I have seen you these many years", the disciple protested with disappointment, whereupon he was bade to repeat the process. This time the icon appeared with Upadesa mudra, and this icon of Nammalvar is worshipped under the Tamarind tree where he sat, at Alvar Tirunagari to this day. (The earlier icon became Bhavishyadacarya, Ramanuja, and is installed at the Mutt nearby.)

அணேத்தவேலும் தொழுதகையும் அழுந்திய திருநாமமும் ஓமென்றவாயும் உயர்ந்தமுக்கும் குளிர்ந்தமுகமும் பரந்த விழியும் பதிந்த நெற்றியும் நெறித்த புருவமும் சுருண்டகுழலும் வடிந்தகாதும் அசைந்த காதுகாப்பும் தாழ்ந்த செவியும் சரிந்த கழுத்தும் அகன்றமார்பும் திரண்ட தோளும் கெளித்த முதுகும் குவித்தயிடையும் அல்லிக்கயிறும் அழுந்திய சீராவும் தூக்கிய கருங்கோவையும் தொங்கலும் தனிமாலேயும் தளிருமிளிருமாய் நிற்கிற நிலேயும் சாற்றியதிருத்தண்டையும் சதிரான வீரக்கழலும் தஞ்சமான தாளிணேயும் குந்தியிட்ட கணேக்கால்களும் குளிரவைத்த திருவடி மலரும் வாய்த்த திருமணங்கொல்லேயும் வயலாலி மணவாளனும் வாடினேன் வாடி வாழ்வித்தருளிய நீலக்கலிகன்றி மருவலர்தமுடல்துணிய வாள் வீசும் பரகாலன் மங்கை மன்னனுன வடிவே

உறைகழித்த வாளேயொத்த விழிமடந்தை மாதர்மேல் உருகவைத்த மனமொழித்திவ் வுலகளந்த நம்பிமேல்

குறையைவைத்து மடலெடுத்த குறையலாளி திருமணங் கொல்லேதன்னில் வழிபறித்த குற்றமற்ற செங்கையான்

மறையுரைத்த மந்திரத்தை மாலுரைக்கவன்முனே மடியொதுக்கி மனமடக்கி வாய்புதைத்து வொன்னலார்

கறைகுளித்த வேலணேத்து நின்றவிந்த நிலேமையென் கண்ணே விட்டகன்றிடாது கலேயானணே யாணேயே. காதும் சொரிமுத்தும் கையும் கதிர்வேலும் தாதுபுணே தாளிணேயும் தனிச்சிலம்பும்—நீதிபுணே தென்னுலி நாடன் திருவழகைப் போல என்னுணே யொப்பா ரில்லேயே.

வேல ஊத்தமார்பும் விளங்கு திருவெட்டெழுத்தை மாலுரைக்கத் தாழ்த்த வலச்செவியும்—தாளினி ஊத் தண்டையும் வீரக்கழலும் தார்க்கலியன் நன்முகமும் கண்டு களிக்கு மென் கண்.

இதுவோ திருவரசு இதுவோ திருமணங்கொல்லே இதுவோ எழிலாலி என்னுமூர்—இதுவோதான் வெட்டுங்கலியன் வெருட்டி நெடுமாலே எட்டெழுத்தும் பறித்தவிடம்.

TIRUVAIMOLI PROJECT

During this work, which took about three months from mid-September to mid-December, we were fortunate to visit most of the temple shrines that Nammalwar has sung of in these decads. We were struck by the fullness of life touching the remotest parts of the countryside everywhere. We felt, strangely, taken back into time by several centuries, because the idyllic surroundings fitted in every way the descriptions in Nammalwar's poetry—the white storks, the marshy paddy fields, lotus and lily flowers in water-tanks, the tall areca, coconut and plantain groves, the green flowing waters of the rivers.

The deities residing in the temples were all a source of inspiration, but most of all the Lord at Tirukkurungudi, fondly addressed as Alagiya Nambi. Perhaps this is not surprising, because the Lord is also described as Nada-vinoda Nambi, fond of music, and some twentytwo families of Arayars are said to have resided there at one time.

Our translation is strictly not word-to-word, nor is it a poetic rendering. It is more in the nature of "sleeve notes" for the music. But it is, we believe, the first concerted effort to translate the work in its entirity. Attempts by others more competent have only treated the poem in parts, often adapted.

A word about the music also. The TTD and some other bodies have, in recent times, released cassette recordings of Pasurams from the Divya prabandham, and often an unpleasant reference is made to these when we talk to people about our work. From the time we brought to the fore VVS's rendering of the Tiruppallandu, we have been at pains to distinguish between merely setting a Pasuram to tune and bringing back to life the text through music. Our effort has been in the latter, and our notes on Madal, Naicyanusandhanam, and Peyvirattal, appearing elsewhere in this Journal, will testify to the validity of our claim.

The music is set for the first Pasuram of each decad, and one other (generally the second). These are called the Uyir Pasurams. The others are repeated in the same strain, or recited freely. There appears to be an ambiguity in the prevailing terminology of "Tiruvaimoli" and "Pattu", when translated. I have preferred to call a group of ten (actually eleven, including the Phalasruti) Pasurams a decad, and follow the decimal system thereafter.

TIRUVAIMOLI PROJECT

This year, after completing a read-through (Parayanam) of the Tiruvaimoli, we launched on an ambitious project to reconstruct its musical rendering, a work ascribed to Nathamuni (10th. cent?), though hitherto not attempted in recent history. Our "enforced" stay in Alwar-Tirunagari came as an unexpected blessing for inspiration. There, by the shrine of the saint stands the venerable tamarind tree which stood witness to the Nammalwar-Madhurakavi saga. Residing in Alwar-Tirunagari, we tried to enter into the spirit of the work, to unravel its secret delights.

The Tiruvaimoli is literally an ocean, pacific, deep, and wide. It is easy to become drowned in the meaning, and perhaps that too is its joy. Our challenge lay in immersing ourselves deep, then emerging over the surface laden with its gems. We have brought out decads 4.1 to 5.10 this year, -translated in free English verse, music written out in svara-notation, learnt by rote, taught, and performed. We trust this is an improvement over our earlier attempts, which were random selections.

Once again, we must acknowledge our deep indebtedness to our Guru VVS who showed us the way to take in deeply the text of Pasurams, feel it in its wholeness, then sing it as it comes, keeping euphony of tone and rhythm uppermost. "You must make it your own", he would say, and this has been an advice of lasting value.

The strongest incentive for good work can only be the feedback one receives from responsive readers, discerning listeners, scholars and students. We seek this in abundant measure, for the continuance of the work to completion.

Kaisiki Ekadasi, 12-12-86. Alwar Tirunagari. Srirama Bharati Sowbhagya Lakshmi

TIRUVAIMOLI PROJECT

TVM 4.1 Orunayakam

- Contemplate, quick, the feet of Tirunarayana and rise!
 For, monarchs who rule the world as one empire
 Do one day go begging, for all the world to see,
 Leg bitten by black bitch, bowl broken, shamed.
- Come quick and join the feet of the Lord with radiant crown!
 They who ruled the world with vassals paying tribute
 Have one day left their harem for others to enjoy their queens,
 And spent their days in misery under blazing forest sun.
- Quick, think of the fragrant Tulasi crowned Krishna's feet.
 They who ruled with great kettledrums beating in their porticos
 Over kings who touched their feet with their heads,
 Do one day become pulverised to dust.
- 4. Begun to count, more numerous than the sand grains on the dunes. Are the kings that have ruled and left the earth over ages. Save their forts razed to ground, nothing do we see of them. Worship the feet of the Lord who killed the rut-elephant.
- 5. They who enjoyed sweet union with coiffured nymphs.

 Who vied with each other for favours on soft cool flowery beds

 Do now roam dangling a loin-cloth, scorned and laughed at by all.

 Live by uttering the name of the Lord of radiant gem-hue.
- 6. Those who lived well did but live like bubbles in a mighty shower.

 Those who lived from then to now are naught.

 If you wish to live well and remain,

Serve the Lord who reclines in the deep ocean-

After feasting well on six-tasty meals
 They would feast again, cajoled by sweet-tongued nymphs.
 Now they go begging from house to house for a morsel.
 So recall the glories of our Tulasi-crowned Lord.

- 8. Even good benign kings of canopied fame.
 Who make generous grants and win the world
 And rule in fragrant happiness must one day fall.
 Learn the names of the serpent-couch Lord, for permanence,
- Even those that cut attachments, tame their senses,
 And mortify their bodies till weeds grow on them,
 Are still left without a goal. They enjoy heaven, and return.
 Reach for the Garuda-banner Lord, there is no return.
- 10. Seers who contemplate on consciousness, giving up all else, Do attain the heaven of Atman. But memory remains, And brings them back to passion. Then there is no liberation. Hold on to the feet of the deathless Lord, that alone is liberation.
- 11. This decad of the beautiful thousand songs, By Satakopa of dense flower-groved Kurugur, Are addressed to the feet of Krishna, sole refuge. Those who learn it shall live free from despair.

TVM 42 Balanai

- O the vicious noose trapping my daughter!
 She asks for the fragrant Tulasi from the feet of the Lord, Who shamelessly played amorous sports
 With cowherd girls of tendril-thin waists.
- O the heavy pall! My daughter cries for the Golden hued Tulasi garland Adorning the lotus feet of the Lord Whose praise is sung by Vedic seers and celestials.
- 4. My sinful daughter of broad shoulders prates only Of the golden Tulasi garland on the radiant feet Of the Lord who is praised by raving philosophers.

- 5. My pretty daughter weakens day by day, Thinking of the cool Tulasi garland on the feet Of the Lord who killed seven bulls for Nappinnai's hand, The cowherd prince who danced with pots.
- 6. My daughter has become mad repeating her desire For the golden Tulasi on the feet of the Lord Who took the form of a boar in the beginning of creation To lift beautiful earth-dame from deluge waters.
- O ladies of radiant forehead!
 My foolish daughter pines away
 For the cool fragrant Tulasi garland on the feet of the Lord
 Who bears the Lotus-dame Lakshmi on his chest.
- O ladies, what shall I do?
 She covets only the fragrance-wafting Tulasi garland
 On the feet of the Lord who gutted Lanka with arrows,
 For the love of beautiful Sita.
- 9. O ladies, you too have brought up daughters with love. How shall I describe my poor one's plight? She prates about conch and discus, and Tulasi On and on, by day and and by night. What shall I do !
- 10. What shall I do, O ladies? My foolish tender one
 Does not heed my words, nor obey my commands.
 She withers for the Tulasi garland from the jeweled Krishna's
 feet,
 As her only proper ornament for her gold-girdled breasts.
- 11. This decad of the thousand beautiful songs By Satakopa of beautiful Kurugur city, Are addressed to Krishna's feet, the cure for love-sickness. Those who can recite it will be fitting company for celestials.

TVM 4.3 Kovai Vayal

- 1. O Lord who battled a horde of bulls for coral-lipped
 (Napplnnai),
 Who Killed Lanka's king with arrows and rutted
 elephant with his tusk,
 I have not worshipped thee with 'fragrant flowers and
 water;
 My heart is the sandal paste for thy cool flower like face.
- For my Lord, the one, who swallowed the universe, then made it!
 My heart is sandal paste, my poem a fitting garland is also his radiant vestment.
 My folded hands are his big radiant jewels.
- 3. You became the one, the two, the three, and the many, Then the five elements, the twin orbs, and all the souls.
 O Narayana! Then you ascended a serpent couch and slept in the ocean!
 Fitting your Being into my body, my soul has overcome sorrow
- 4. O chief of the cowherd clan, O Madhava, O Vamana, Destroyer of poison-breasted demoness (Putana), I do not worship you timely with fresh flower garlands, My whole life is a garland worthy of being wrapped on your crown.
- 5. For Krishna, my Lord, who bears the wheel of time, My life is the perfect garland, my love his radiant crown. His countless jewels and even his vestments are my love. Even his praise the three worlds sing are my love.
- 6. I cry and call out O bearer of the wheel of time,
 Bearer of white conch, Narayana who swallowed the
 universe, then made it.
 Even if nothing happens, your tinkling lotus-feet become
 my head's ornaments.

- 7. O lovely dwarf who extended tinkling feet and took the
 earth,
 O Lord who stands as refuge for those who come with
 folded hands,
 I do not worship you with fragrant flowers and water.
 Yet your mysterious radiance stands guard over my soul.
- 8. Filling the seven fair worlds, you became them all.
 O icon of brilliant knowledge, borne by my soul!
 My soul is yours, your soul is mine; how can I say how?
- I am not fit to describe your infinite glory-flood,
 When will I reach its banks? I swoon with love.
 O indifferent Lord, faultless effulgence!
 Great and good Celestials stand and sing your praise;
 I too sang.
- 10. Even if I sing his praise, and all the seven worlds join,
 And the Lord himself sings his own praise, would we
 come to an end?
 Sweet like milk, honey, sugar and ambrosia!
 I too sang that I may rejoice.
- 11. This decad of the faultless thousand songs
 By Satakopa of Kurugur with lotus fields
 Are addressed to the feet of Krishna, sole refuge.
 Those who sing it will rejoice here and rule over heaven

TVM 4.4 Mannai Irundu

- O ladies with raining bangles! What can I do? He has
 made my daughter love-sick.
 She caresses the earth and says "this is Vamana's earth".
 She points to the sky and says "that is his Vaikuntha".
 Her heart's grief overflows from her eyes; "ocean-hued Lord'
 she sighs.
- 2. She folds her bangled hands saying "The Lord sleeps in the ocean".
 She points to the red sun and says "There is Sridhara's form".
 With tears welling, she swoons, then only says "Narayana".,
 Ladies! I can scarcely understand my godly fawn's deeds.
- 3. She fondles the known red fire unhurt and says "this is

 Acyuta"

 She fondles the blowing cold wind and says "here comes

 Govinda".

 Woe is me, she smells strongly of Tulasi flowers—

 The things my bangled fawn does these days!
- 4. She points to the radiant moon and says "radiant gem-hued Lord".

 She looks at a standing mountain and calls "Come, my Lord!"

 She sees a pouring rain and dances "Narayana has come".

 When did He cast such spells on my tender one?
- 5. She hugs tender chubby calves and says "Govinda has grazed these".

 She goes after a young snake and says "there is Govinda's bed".

 Woe is me, I know not where this will end,

 The spells that the Lord has cast on my tender daughter!

- 6. Seeing an acrobat dance on a pot, she runs saying "that is Govinda allright".

 Hearing a stray flute melody, she runs saying "That is Govinda"

 Seeing tempting milkmaids' butter, she says "the butter he ate".

 Such is her madness for the Lord who drank Putana's breasts.
- 7. Her madness rises, as she says "all this is Krishna's creation".

 Seeing men wearing mud on forehead she runs saying "The Lord's devotees".

 Seeing fragrant Tulasi flowers, she says "This is Narayana's garland".

 This precious girl is obsessed with God, in her madness and out of it.
- 8. Seeing wealthy nobles, she says "I have seen my Tirumal".

 Seeing a shapely rainbow she dances saying "Vamana measured the earth".

 All temples with icons are her ocean-hued Krishna's temples.

 Through fear and fatigue she seeks His feet, without a break.
- 9. Seeing saintly men she says eagerly "Lord who swallowed the Universe".

 Seeing dark laden clouds she calls "Krishna!" and tries to fly.

 Seeing herds of cattle, she says "the Lord is there among them" and follows.

 My hard-begotten daughter is afflicted to tears by the Lord.
- 10. She swoons, and stares, blankly into the distance, and sweats.

 Tears fall like rain; she sighs hotly and weakly calls "Krishna",

 And "Come my Lord". Woe is me, what shall I do?

 My daughter is smitten by a maddening love-sickness.
- 11. This decad of the thousand songs, is addressed By Kurugur Saint Satakopa, to benevolent Krishna. Those who learn it as good words will end misery, Enter Vaikuntha, and reign worshipped by all.

TVM 4.5 Virrirundelulagum

- My Lord who tore the horse (Kesin's) jaws sits in command.
 Over the seven worlds in eternal good, and rules patiently.
 He wears on his crown the garland of poems that I have sung in joy,
 Praising him with folded hands; now what do I lack for seven lives?
- He bears on his chest the dark-eyed lotus dame (Lakshmi)
 Lord of celestials, he has beautiful large red eyes.
 I have the fortune of singing his praise with soft articulated words,
 Thereby destroying the strange world's deathly miseries.
- Our Acyuta, flower-eyed Lord, bearer of highest good, Resides in the farthest limit of eternal joy.
 Lord of celestial without end, I have attained him through songs
 Praising him; now I am in the farthest limit of eternal joy too !
- 4. He rides the beautiful winged Garuda and bears the powerful discus.

 My Lord loves and cares for devotees who stand and worship him.

 With my tongue I have sung his praise and attained him.

 The way the spirit moves my soul I do not understand.
- The Lord of celestials who unfolds all meanings, My Lord who patiently discloses all his good ways, Burns to dust all sickness and sin, like cinders before a wind. I have attained joy singing his praise, with woven words (poems).

- 6. He wears a patch of white mud over his dark forehead.

 Lord of celestials, he has large beautiful lake-like eyes.

 With fitting words, woven into a garland of poems, I have praised him.

 From now on, and forever, is there anything beyond my reach?
- 7. Unto Himself without a peer or a superior,
 He bears all the worlds; He stopped the rains with a
 mountain.
 I have the fortune of singing his praise with a garland
 Of songs he wears on his crown; what more do we want?
- 8. Lord of earthlings and celestials, he is sweet To the lotus lady Lakshmi and to us alike. His feet are borne on a lotus. I have sung his praise With poems, now who in the wide world can equal me?
- 9. In Heaven and the worlds above, on earth and the worlds below.

 He stands without fail, His strong hand holds the curved conch.

 He is Lord of celestials, pot-dancer; I have sung his praise.

 Now can there ever be one equal to me?
- 10. He swallowed and brought out, measured and raised the universe Standing apart and enjoying His beautiful creation, He lies, stands, and sits over it in full majesty.

 I have sung his praise through songs which are manna to devotees.
- 11. This decad of the thousand sweet songs, By Karimaran Satakopa of cool-groved Kurugur city, Are addressed to the Lord of incessantly raining Vengadam. By this, the Lady of unfading lotus will end all despair.

TVM 4.6 Tirpparai

- 1. Ladies! We have examined well this bright forehead girl, And diagnosed her good malaise; Her heart yearns for the charioteer Lord. Who then commanded the army in fierce battle, and secured victory For the five (Pandavas). How now can we seek a medicine man?
- You have not understood her sickness,; this is great divinity,
 Not some mean god for whom you dance incongruously.
 Say clearly and sweetly into her ears "Conch and discus",
 She will immediately recover, just see!
- 3. Look here, ladies! Do not go and do something wild,
 throwing flesh and toddy;
 Heed not this strange gypsy's words of advice.
 Praise the Lord who wears the Tulasi crown.
 That alone will cure this girl's malaise as well.
- 4. Listening to some wierd hag's words, you throw black food, And red food, on the Altar, what use? Recite the names Of the Lord who in a trice swallowed and made the seven worlds.
 You will surely get your daughter back.
- 5. This frenzied dancing is no way to get her back, alas! Her large lotus eyes and coral lips do pale in fear. Chant the names of the Lord who killed the rutted elephant, And smear white mud, her fever will subside.

- 6. O ladies dancing like possessed, know that this will not avail:
 Her fever will only increase, not subside.
 Apply the dust from the feet of the gem-hued Lord's
 devotees.
 Other than this, there is no cure for her spirits.
- 7. To cure her spirits, you sacrifice a goat and pour toddy,
 Strike your hands and shake your shoulders, what use ladies?
 Like watching the donkey's lips twitch while the grains
 disappear!
 Listen, go seek the Vedic seers and devotees of the
 Lord, now.
- 8. You mix and pour toddy with wasteful words and sinful deeds
 And dance to loud music in a frenzy. All this is lowly.
 With the help of Vedic seers, worship the auspicious feet
 Of the Lord of celestials, that will cure this girl's malaise.
- I cannot stand and witness your heaping hollow praises
 To some lowly god, and wastefully dance to cheap music.
 Praise the feet of Krishna with taste and discrimination,
 That alone is cure for this disease, and tonic for seven lives to come.
- 10. O ladies, do not shake your shoulders and express your passions. This girl will not respond to a god other than Krishna. Praise the king of Dwaraka, Lord revered by the Vedas, This girl will recover and dance in ecstatic worship.
- 11. This decad of the faultless thousand, on hysteria,
 Was sung by world-famous Kurugur city's Satakopa,
 Freed of sickness, worshipping, dancing, and seeing the gemLord.
 Those who can dance and sing these lines will overcome
 depression of spirits.

TVM 4.7 Cilamilla

- I stand with hands joined over my head and call incessantly,
 "O Lord who swallowed the Universe, icon of knowledge,
 Narayana"

 And many other names; You do not show yourself nor call
 me unto you.

 Alas, I am a wretched low-born, great indeed are my
 misdeeds!
- 3. I call and call, pouring my heart in tears, my 'Lord'! "Lord who took the earth in one leap, Damodara," and many such. Alas! how many dark indelible acts I must have done; You do not even say, "Sinner" when I come to see you.
- 4. "My Lord of superior golden hue, excellence whom the gods Even through penance cannot see, thus and thus I cry here Shamelessly, of what use? Alas! I am a lowly self. You do not come before my eyes and show your lotus face.
- 6. My father, bearer of sharp discus, mighty one who churned the ocean, Will it ever happen that I see you with your four arms?
 All the time with tears, my life drying bit by bit, I keep looking. Lord, come right now to this hapless self.

- 6. Everyday, everywhere, and in all beings you stand,
 In my body, in my soul, and in all things without exception.
 I think and think, look and look, and try to see you in
 my soul.
 Alas, I have a loose tongue but no faculty!
- Lord of fragrant Tulasi garland, in the depth of my soul I saw you as icon of pure knowledge.
 Losing myself in thought and recovering time and again, Through birth and death I have held you high, and overcome despair.
- 8. When I see you, I shall pour flowers on your feet to my hands' content Brought from the eight quarters, then praise and praise. And all we devotees will sing and dance in joy.

 O Lord of beautiful Tulasi garland! Will you not come to this ocean-girdled earth!
- 9. I have no benevolence, no riches, no power over my senses,
 Nor steadfast devotion to worship you with flowers

 everyday;
 Only a sinful heart in love. Sinful me, I search,
 Where can I find you, O Lord of discus?
- 10. Tears welling, feeling low, I roam and look everywhere. Alas I do not see my Lord of discus. With proper mind's eye I shall see and enjoy That great icon of knowledge and light of the Vedas.
- 11. This decad of the perfect thousand Tamil songs, Sung by Satakopa of dense-housed Kurugur city, Are addressed with embracing love to lotus-eyed Krishna. Those who can sing and dance it with love will ascend heaven.

TVM 4.8 Eralum

- 2. The gem-hued Lord with mountain shoulders bears the fierce discus, The peerless lotus dame Lakshmi resides on his chest, He has taken me into his service fully. If he does not desire my frail heart, we have nothing to lose.
- 3. The great Lord who sleeps on the hooded bed has mountain shoulders.

 He is the child wonder who drank from the breasts

 Of the demoness who came disguised as a fond mother.

 If he does not desire my comeliness, we have nothing to lose.
- 4. The Lord bears pearl necklaces, dyed red robes, milk-pail and grazing staff.

 He deftly subdued seven fierce bulls for the joy of embracing The breasts of comely Nappinnai with slender bambooshoulders.

 If he does not desire my pink cheeks, we have nothing to lose.
- 5. The Lord of exceeding perfection bears the fragrant Tulasi crown.

 For the sake of parrot tongued beautiful Sita in confinement. He burnt the fierce demon Ravana's ocean-girdled city. If he does not desire my mind, we have nothing to lose.

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- 6. That thinking men in the wide world may know, he expounded
 The paths of truth. The great figure of knowledge appeared
 As a clever dwarf and took the earth in great strides.
 If he does not desire my youth, we have nothing to lose.
- 7. He burst forth as a fierce lion-form exuding immense radiance,

 And tore apart the radiant Hiranya's wide chest with great relish

 He bears the resplendent discus and conch.

 If he does not desire my jewelled bangles, we have nothing to lose.
- 8. The Lord of great fame then did blow with his curved conch
 A great booming sound which consigned the rebellious
 (Kauravas)
 To the flames and ended the world's misery; and the three
 gods praised.

 If he does not desire my jewelled belt, we have nothing to
- 9. He cut asunder the shoulders of mighty Bana. good father of Slender-waisted jewel-belted nymph(Usha). He lies 'sleeping On a serpent engaged in Yoga, ensuring all the world's good If he does not desire my body, we have nothing to lose.
- He cut to pieces with joy many huge-bodied Asura clans, And laid them like lifeless rocks. The matted hair Siva With torrential Ganga reigns in solitude on his right side. If he does not desire my life, we have nothing to lose.
- 11. This decad of the faultless thousand songs on the Lord of the Universe,

By Satakopa, saint of Kurugur city, Are addressed to the Lord who ate curds and butter. Those who sing it will cut asunder birth and attain heaven.

TVM 4.9 Nannadar

- Kith and kin heap destruction and death,
 Cheat each other, fall and weep. What ways are these?
 O Lord on serpent couch, I see no way for myself.
 [Heed my prayer, find a way and call me unto you, quick.
- 4. Great wealth kindles a raging fire of desire, Then wraps a cover of darkness. Benevolent gem-hued Lord, what ways are these? Wean me by your grace, and grant me your feet.
- 5. In the world that blossomed from the deluge waters,
 All beings suffer the pain of birth, death, disease and

And after that, hell. What ways are these? Gem hued Lord, pray do not forsake me, take me there! age

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- 6. They forsake, chain, beat, kill and eat.
 Who ever realizes the truth? What ways are these!
 Lord of Tulasi crown, my ambrosia; Sinner that I am,
 You changed me and took my service; now call me to
 your feet.
- 7. When you are yourself the sentient and the insentient In all this world, existing for no other reason, Beyond disease, age, birth, death, and misery, Pray do not show me the wicked world. Call me, you must.
- 8. You show yourself and vanish,
 You make the world, and with it, earth, water, fire, air
 and sky.

 May I cross the great sphere, abode of the gods,
 And reach your radiant high feet, O when will that be!
- 9. Lord on serpent couch, you make even the gods roam without redemption,
 I too know this. Shearing me of desires,
 You have made me bear your feet and roam.
 I now see my inseparability to your unattainable lotus feet!

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- 10. The pleasures of seeing, hearing, touching, smelling, tasting, And the limited joy of heaven unattainable through the senses,

 I have seen; only you and the fair bangled Lakshmi are permanent.

 What skill, my Lord! I have attained your lotus feet.
- 11. This decad of the thousand pure Tamil songs,
 By prosperous Kurugur city's Satakopa,
 Is addressed to the feet of effulgent Narayana, Kesava.
 Recited with humality, it will secure the Lord's feet.

TVM 4.10 Onrum Tevum

- 1. Then, when none of the gods, worlds, beings, and aught else existed, He made Brahma, with him the gods, worlds and all the beings. In fair Kurugur where jewelled houses rise like mountains, He stands as Adipiran. Then what other God do you seek?
- O men of the world! Then he created you and the gods
 you worship.
 With unending goodness and fame, He resides willingly
 in Kurugur
 Temple surrounded by balconied palaces.
 Sing and dance and praise Him, roaming everywhere.
- 3. All the gods and all the worlds He made, in a trice He swallowed,
 Then hid, then issued, then taversed, then shifted all;*
 now speak.

 O men of the world! Knowing this, you still do not understand.

 Other than His form in Kurugur, worshipped by gods, there is no God
- 4. He is the monarch of Siva, Brahma and the other gods
 you speak of.
 See this for yourself in Kapala Moksha** How does it
 help the Linga-worshippers
 To speak ill of the Lord who resides
 In radiant Kurugur city surrounded by high walls?
- 5. Look, all ye who quote the Linga-purana, Jainas and
 Bouddhas !
 Instead of arguing endlessly, praise the Lord who stands
 in Kurugur
 Where tall ears of corn blow gently in the wind like whisks;
 He is you and all your gods, this no lie.

- 6. You who desolately worship lowly gods have been relegated to this,
 Because if all attain liberation, there will be no world.
 This is the sport of the clever Lord of Kurugur city where
 Golden paddy and lotus flowers abound. Try to figure this out and run.
- 7. Running tirelessly, taking numerous births, worshipping lesser gods,
 You have tried so many paths to truth. Now become servants
 Of Adimurti, Lord of Kurugur whom celestials stand in hordes and worship.
 The beautiful Garuda dances on his banner.
- 8. Then it was Narayana's grace which protected Markandeya
 When he took refuge in the naked-god (Siva).
 When the great Adipiran stands in Kurugur city
 Surrounded by stork-white Pandanus hedges, what
 other do you praise?
- 9. The six expounded doctrines * and those like them** cannot fathom him. Thus he sits, as Adipiran. In Kurugur surrounded by beautiful fields, If you seek liberation, bear him in your heart.
- 10. He contains within his faultless frame all gods, worlds and all else. He resides in fertile Kurugur where paddy and sugarcane grow tall. He came as a dwarf, he danced with an array of pots. Service to him alone is fit and proper.
- 11. This decad of the faultless thousand songs,
 Sung with love by Kurugur city's Maran Satakopa,
 Are addressed to Adipiran, Lord of discus and Makula
 flower garlands.
 Those who recite this have access to the other Vaikuntha,
 city of no return.

^{*} The story of creation, and of Vamana, Kurma Avataras.

The story of Brahma's one head being clipped by Siva, then being redeemed by Vishnu.

Sankhya, Yoga, Vaiseshika, Bauddha, Jaina, Pasupatya.

^{1 **} Mimamsa, Nastika.

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TVM 5.1 Kaiyar Cakkaram

- 1. Utterring "Holder of bright discus," "My gem-hued Lord" And many such shallow praises, I have roamed and danced, And attained the truth. Who can oppose what fortune favours?
 My Lord, Krishna, if you leave me now, can I bear it?
- 2. I only said "Lord who entered the Marudu trees," "My uncut gem, my sweet ambrosia, sweet as honey" and a few such lies. Lo, My Lord himself has become me. The sky and earth and all else are within me!
- 3. I utterred in lip-service, while inside was something else.
 A few lies like "Benevolent Lord, gem-hued Lord" and such others.
 Shedding my deceiving nature, I have seen you, and found liberation.
 Lord reclining in the ocean! Now what other refuge do I have?
- 4. Though I say words like" What other refuge do I have,"
 Rogue that I am, I have not the power to wean my soul
 from the world!
 Strengthen my heart, dry my tears, and move closer to you,
 My Krishna, rid me of my dross and call me unto you.
- 5. Krishna, Lord of celestials, dark-gem, ambrosial delight!
 I have reached you, yet not attained you. Between us you have placed a body,
 Tied me securely with strong cords of Karma, covered the wound neatly.

 And cast me out into this deceptive wide world.

- 6. Dark hued Lord! You have embraced me all over!
 My strong Karmas of repeated miserable births have ceased.
 I have seen to my satisfaction your four radiant shoulders,
 Your red lips and lotus eyes, and the discus of cause-effect
 in your hands.
- 7. The Lord of discus, Overlord, where does he belong, who am !?

 Simply calling "Saviour of the elephant" with hands over head,

 I have become his true lover; he too has become mine.

 However strong the sin, when his grace comes, it shall come, just see!
- 8. The Lord worshipped by celestials and monarchs
 Has come this day and occupied my lowly heart.
 Henceforth, my mother, my father, my children,
 My wealth, my fish-eyed women are all He.
- 9. Like a ship caught in stormy ocean calling out in distress, I stood shivering in the ocean of birth and called. With exceeding grace and divinity, conch and discus in hand
 He heard me and came to me, and became one with me.
- 10. Seeing that he had a faithful servant in me, he came elated. Of his own sweet grace, he became one with me. The dark Lord who was fish and tortoise and man-lion, Dwarf and wild boar, shall come again as Kalki, just see!
- 11. This decad of the thousand pure Tamil songs,
 By Satakopa of Kurugur surrounded by bullock-ploughed
 fields,
 Are addressed to the dark hued Lord of lotus-red eyes.
 Those who sing it shall rise and attain his lotus feet.

TVM 5.2 Poliga

- Hail! Hail! Hail! Gone is the curse of existence.
 Painful hell hath relented, Yama has no work here anymore.
 Even Kali shall end, just see! The ocean-hued Lord's spirits
 Have descended on earth in hordes. We have seen them singing and dancing everywhere.
- 2. We have seen visions sweet to the eyes, we have seen, we have seen!

 Come devotees all, worship, praise and shout in joy.

 The spirits of Tulasi crowned Madhava are roaming the earth,

 They are seen standing singing Pann-s and dancing everywhere.
- 3. The rolling age of Kali is ending, the gods have also entered. The golden age of Krita begins, and boundless joy floods the land.

 The spirits of my dark ocean-hued Lord have come singing songs.

 They have densely packed the earth and occupied every nook
- 4. All the heretic schools are being cleared like weeds; The spirits of our mighty ocean-reclining Lord Are singing many many songs; Lying, sitting, standing. Walking, flying, dancing, they are performing plays.
- 5. The Lord's spirits have miraculously entered the earth. They stand everywhere, their acts alone occupy my vision. Have no doubt, devotees, if there are Asuras and Rakshasas born among you, There is no escape; their days will end in death.

- 6. The discus-Lord's devotees have come to stay,
 To rid the world of soul-consuming disease, war, hunger and
 all evils.
 They have spread everywhere, singing in mirth and dancing
 in ecstacy.
 Cease thought, devotees, go worship them and be saved.
- 7. Know that your fond gods can save you only through His grace;
 Markandeya is proof.
 Have no doubt, there is no god other than Krishna.
 All that exist are His forms, so worship Him alone.
- 8. He is the Lord of gods, himself becoming the gods in all the worlds. It is He who accepts the offering you make to your gods. The spirits of the mole-chested Lord have filled the earth Singing songs; so shed hatred, love, worship and liberate yourselves.
- 9. The world has become filled with devotees and holy men.
 Who lovingly worship Acyuta, unfailing in the path of knowledge,
 With full flowers, incense, lamp, sandal, water, and Vedic
 mantras,
 You too join in loving worship, and liberate yourselves.
- 10. In all the great worlds, all the dense hordes of gods, and even Siva, Brahma, Indra and others stand and worship Krishna.

 Devotees, if you can join them in loving worship, There shall be nothing of the age of Kali.
- 11. This decad of the famous thousand songs,
 Sung by Karimaran Satakopa of Kurugur surrounded by happy
 fields,
 Are addressed to the wonder-Lord, radiant Krishna destroyer
 of Kali.
 This will cleanse devotees hearts.

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TVM 5.3 Masaru codi

- * 1. I sought my ever-radiant faultless First-Lord, My redlipped spotless mountain-gem. How long ago I became impassioned and slipped into madness! what harm can the world's slanderous gossip do, Sakhi?
- My red lotus-eyed Lord has possessed me.
 I have lost the red in my cheeks, my frame has waned;
 My red lips and black eyes have lost their charm.
 Now what can the world's gossip do to us, Sakhi?
- 3. The red-lipped Lord who sucked the life out of Putana's breasts

 And stopped the speeding chariot with his foot has possessed me.

 Night and day I prate of nothing save Him.

 What can the world's gossip do to us, Sakhi?
- 4. The dark-cloud Lord planted seeds of love in my heart.
 The world's gossip made good manure; my mother's
 words
 Poured water over the fields. Now my passion swells
 like the sea.
 Tell me sakhi, is our Krishna mean?
- 5. May be the Lord is selfish, wicked and far away. May be he is a world grabber, and hard to understand. Pityl My wicked heart still longs for him alone, what can mother do?
 O Sakhi, you have a slender waist, but a frail heart!

- 6. Whatever mother may do, whatever the world may say, Sakhis, henceforth you have no love from me. For, I am caught in the drag-net of my gem-hued Lord, King of Dwaraka, Vasudeva, the ancient Lord of celestials.
- 7. The Lord who caught me in his dragnet, called my good heart unto Him,
 Reclines in the deep ocean with discus in hand.
 O Sakhi with broad jewelled hips, will we ever see him with these eyes,
 And worship him in the presence of these fair ladies?
- 8. The Lord drank the demoness's breasts, stopped the chariot, Entered the Marudu trees, ripped the bird's beak, and killed the rutted elephant. He has a clear smile and coral lips.

 O when will we reach him and put these ladies to shame?
- The Lord who stole my shame and called my heart unto him Resides over celestials in high heaven.
 By Him, I swear, let the world heap slander, Acting unbridled, I now ascend the Palmyra stalk (Madal).
- 10. After we have ridden the Palmyra stalk through every street, Without feminine grace, making the women Speak unspeakable slander, while the world raves, We shall wear the soothing Tulasi flowers from the discus Lord.
- 11. This decad of the replete Andadi of thousand songs, By Satakopa of fragrant bowered Kurugur, Are addressed to Krishna dark as the roaring seas, Those who sing it will find vaikuntha wherever they live,

TVM 5.4 Urellam

- 1. The populace sleeps, the world is pitch-darkness. The waters have become calm, night stretches into eternity. The Lord who swallowed the earth sleeps on a serpent couch. He comes not, alas! Who can save my sinful soul now?
- 2. A ghastly pall engulfs the sea, earth and sky.

 Stretching into one sinister night.

 My golden hued Krishna does not come, alas!

 O sinful heart, you too are not with me. Who can save me anymore?
- 3. See, you are not with me, O heart!
 The long night stretches into an seon.
 My Kakutstha wielding the scorching bow does not come.
 Sinner, born as a female, I know not how to end my life.
- 4. The radiant sun too has hid himself, Unable to bear the sight of a maiden in distress. My black bull, Lord with large eyes and red lips Does not come. Who can cure my love-sickness.
- 5. Who inquires of me? My mother and my Sakhis Sleep through the night never asking what happened. My dark-hued Krishna too does not come. Wicked me, my name will tell tales and not let me die!

- 6. An incurable love-sickness torments my soul. An aeon of darkness hangs over my sunken eyes. My discus Lord eternal too does not come. Who on earth can save this soul?
- 7. The sky is filled with dense powdered pitch. The long night stretches like an aeon. The Lord of spotless conch and discus does not appear. Ye gods! What shall I do? My acts are wicked as fire.
- 8. A single night stretches into seven aeons, ye gods! Hanging over my person and thinning my soul. Alas! My Krishna with discus does not come. The cool spring-breeze scorches like fire; what shall I do?
- 9. Darkness packed with fine pitch scorches like fire. The beautiful tall chariot of the Sun does not appear, alas. The wealthy Lord of lotus eyes too does not come, alas. Who can cure my heart's malady? Alas, I stand and melt.
- 10. Like me, the wide sky too melts
 Passing into fine droplets into the night.
 The world sleeps tight, alas, not once saying
 The Lord who measured the earth then shall not come.
- 11. This decad of the colourful radiant Andadi of thousand songs
 By Satakopa of Kurugur surrounded by excellent groves,
 Are addressed to the Lord who did yoga like one sleeping.
 Reciting this will secure heaven after death.

TVM 5.5 Ennaneyo

- After seeing the beautiful Lord at Tirukkurungudi,
 My heart yearns for his conch and his discus, his lotus eyes,
 And his peerless coral lips. How now, ladies, that you
 blame me?
- 2. Look through my heart's eyes; do not blame me.
 After seeing the Lord in palm-groved Tirukkurungudi,
 His sacred thread, his ear ornaments, his mole chest
 His beautiful jewels and his four arms stand before me
 everywhere.
- Mother, you blame me saying," she stands, she falters, she swoons', Eversince, I saw the Lord in tall-mansioned Tirukkurungudi. His victorious bow, mace, dagger, discus and conch Appear before me everywhere, never leaving my eyes and heart.

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- 4. Mother, you blame me for tears that swell endlessly in my
 eyes.

 After I saw the Lord at nectar-groved Tirukkurungudi,
 His beautiful garland of Tulasi flowers, his golden crown,
 His face, his silken threads and belt haunt my wretched self.
- 5. Mother, you blame me saying "she stands and stares, she
 swoons".

 After I saw the Lord of great fame in Tirukkurungudi,
 His glowing coral lips, his long eyebrows, his perfect lotus

 eyes

 Have posessed my wretched soul I

- 6. After seeing the Lord of cool-grove Tirukkurungudi, His beautiful slender nose, his lotus eyes, his coral lips, His blue frame, and his four shoulders, have filled my heart My mother lets none see me saying "she will bring further blame on our fair name."
- 7. After seeing the Lord of exceeding fame in Tirukkurungudi, His beautiful golden form of exceeding radiance has filled my heart. He stands everywhere wielding a discus in his beautiful hand, My mother says "she is a great scourge on our fair house-hold".
- Ladies, you blame me saying "she buries her face in her hands, she swoons".

 After seeing the Lord in Tirukkurungudi surrounded by tall houses,
 His red lotus eyes, his hips, his slender waist, his face,
 His long dark tresses, and his low shoulders stand before my sinful self.
- 9. Mothers, and Sakhis, you blame me saying, "You are a disgrace".

 After I saw the Lord in Tirukkurungudi of strongly built houses,

 His tall crown and his countless jawels leave not my heart,

 Sweet like milk and sugar.
- 10. My mother lets no one see me, saying "she is growing amorous day by day".

 After seeing the Lord of abiding fame in Tirukkurungudi,
 A radiant form flooding effulgence appears in my heart,
 Worshipped by hordes of celestials, hard for anyone's understanding.
- 11. This decad of the thousand well-known songs, are By fair Kurugur's Satakopa on the Lord at Tirukkurungudi, The incomprehensible discus-bearer, sung with flowers. Those who sing it with understanding will unite with Vishnu while on earth.

TVM 5.6. Kadalnalam

- My daughter recites, "I cannot be understood.
 I am that understanding. I generate understanding."
 Has the understanding Lord descended on her?
 O understanding people, what can I say?
- 3. The things my posessed daughter says I "All the earth is me I All the sky is me; all the fire is me.
 All the air is me; All the ocean is me."
 Has the all-seeing Lord entered her? O witnesses of the world, what shall I say?
- 4. The things my red-lipped daughter does! "All that is done is me;
 All that remains undone is me; all that has been done is also me.
 I enjoy the fruit of all action; motivation too is me".
 Has the lotus eyed Lord gotten her? Fair people of the world, what can I say?
- 5. "Unfailingly I rule over the earth," my daughter says, then "Unfailingly I lifted the mountain, killed the Asuras,
 Then showing my might, protected the five. The ocean too was churned by me".

 Has the ocean-hued Lord taken her? O severe people of the world, what can I say?

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- 6. My Vel eyed daughter prates "I am the chief of the cowherd clan.

 It was I who grazed the calves. It was I who lifted the mountain,

 It was I who protected the cattle. It was I who killed the seven bulls."

 Has the Lord of celestials posessed her? O severe people, what can I say?
- 7. The things my fond daughter prates: "I have no friends" she says, Then "All here are my friends" and "It is I who makes bonds, It is I who breaks bonds. The bond between friends too is me".
 - Has the peerless Lord posessed her? O friendly people of the world, what can I say?
- 8. The things my tender sapling says! "Speak ye of the three eyed Lord?

 He is me; Four-headed Lord is me. Celestials too are me.

 The Lord of celestials is me. The sages too are but me".

 Has the cloud-hued Lord taken her? O talkative people of the world, what can I say?
- Then, "I am the wickedness of deeds, I am the redeemer of wickedness.

 I am the doer of wicked deeds. I am the destroyer of

9. My wicked tender daughter prates, "I have no wickedness of

wicked Lanka".

Has the Garuda-riding Lord gotten her? O wicked people of the world, what can I say?

- 10. My beautiful coiffured daughter raves; "Beautiful heaven is me.

 The ugly hell too is me. The effulgent liberation is me.

 The beautiful souls are all me. The beautiful first-cause too
 - Has the cloud-hued Lord taken her. O beautiful people of the world, what can I say?
- 11. This decad of the garland of thousand choicest Tamil songs
 By fertile Valudi (Pandya) kingdom Kurugur's Satakopa,
 Are addressed to the Lord who is consort of Sri, Bhu, and
 Nila.

Those who can sing it will serve the Lord's devotees with great wealth.

TVM 5.7 Norranonbilen

- Lord who destroyed Lanka, I am neither here nor there.
 Fallen in the desire to see you, I stand nowhere.
 Lord of discus and conch residing in Srivaramangalangar
 Where the moon caresses tall mansions, grace this forlorn self.
- 3. O dark-hued Lord of Vaikuntha with discus and garuda
 banner,
 You made a person of this insignificant self, and took
 me into your service.
 O Lord of Srivaramangalanagar, where many learned
 Vedic seers live,
 You have graced me from there, I know not how to repay
 you I
- 4. Then you did battle with the five (Pandavas) against the

 (Kauravas),
 And reduced the foes to ashes. Lord who lifted the earth,
 You have come to reside in Srivaramangalanagar amid learned

 Seers

 Who perform Vedic sacrifices incessantly. I only call to
 join you there.
- 5. O dark-hued Lord who enters into every bit and parcel,
 And performs many magical acts, is it possible for me

 to call you?

 O Lord of Srivaramangalanagar where godly men perform

 Vedic sacrifices,
 You are accessible to worship, I too have seen this.

- 6. O dark effulgent Vaikuntha Lord who came as a boar and lifted the earth, My father, my Krishna, ever my Master Great heavenly hill,*
 Whom the folk of Srivaramangalanagar worship amid sweet mango groves,
 Pray come, that I too may worship you!
- 7. O Lord of celestials, through grace, you have entered my heart.

 O Lord of eternal glory, first cause of the Universe,
 Father, Mother, swallower of the seven worlds, resident of Srivaramangalanagar,
 Where godly men perform Vedic sacrifice endlessly, pray do not forsake me.
- 8. Those wicked magical senses that you gave will forsake me.
 I know them well,
 Even you do forsake and dump me into quagmire, just see!
 O resident of Srivaramangalanagar where tall mansions shine,
 Lord who ripped the bird's beak, you are hard to reach.
- 9. Lord who ripped the bird's beak, entered the Marudu trees, Killed the seven bulls! Gem-hue radiance, my wicked wonder-Lord! Clear minds versed in the Vedas live in cool Srivaramangalanagar. My Lord living in their midst, pray show me the path to liberation.
- 10. Lord of celestials, wearing cool fragrant Tulasi crown, Resident of cool Srivaramangalanagar where sugarcane and paddy grow tall, You have given me your feet, as my sole refuge and path. I have nothing to give in return, my soul too is yours.
- 11. This decad of the thousand on the Lord of Srivaramangalanagar,
 By Satakopa of Kurugur surrounded by groves of happy
 flowers,
 Are addressed to the feet of Daivanayaka, Narayana,
 Trivikrama.
 Those who can sing it will forever be sweet as ambrosia to
 celestials.

^{*} Vanamamalai

TVM 5.8 Aravamude

1. Insatiable ambrosia! First Lord! My body melts in love for you

You make me flow like restless water.

I see your resplendent form in Tirukkudandai,

Reclining amid fertile waters, fanned by whisks of golden paddy.

- My Lord, my Ruler, my pure icon, my beautiful black bull!
 You take any beautiful form at will.
 Reclining amid Tirukkudandai waters filled with large lotuses,
 Your dreamy eyes liken those flowers! O what can I do?
- 3. What can I do? What would you have me do? Who else can protect me?

 O Lord reclining in Kudandai surrounded by stone walls, I seek redress with none save you. Pray see that I lead The remaining days of my life holding on to your feet.
- 4. O Lord of glory exceeding the grasp of ever learning seers I Infinite Lord, your fame contains all the worlds.

 Lord reclining in Kudandai surrounded by men of exceeding goodness,

 Desirous of seeing you, I look at the sky disturbed, then weep and pray.
- 5. I weep, I pray, I dance, I sing and praise.
 I look away and hang my head in shame for my clinging misdeeds.
 O red lotus eyed Lord reclining in fertile Kudandai fields,
 Pray show this repentent self the way to your lotus feet.

- 6. O Lord of celestials reclining in Kudandai surrounded by men of everlasting glory, O music of the Yal (harp), ambrosial delight, fruit of knowledge, O king of lions, rid me of my Karmas, and find a way, you must.
 I long to reach you, How long must I remain here filling a bottomless pit?
- 7. O King of lions, golden radiance, red-eyed dark cloud Lord!

 Dazzling coral mountain, my Lord of four shoulders, Lord in Kudandai,

 Through your grace, you made me your bonded serf.

 Now give me your protection and rid me of my birth, no more! can bear.
- 8. O great wonder-Lord reclining in Kudandai armed with sharp discus!
 Whether you end my despair or not, you are my sole refuge.
 When the body languishes and my life comes to an end,
 Grant that I may hold on to your feet without fatigue.
- 9. Lord sweetly binding me to your feet, King of motionless celestials,

 Lord reclining in Kudandai amid sparkling gems, great first-cause!

 Lord praised by all the worlds,

 Pray come, that I may see you.
- 10. O formless Lord that takes wonderful forms at will! Insatiable ambrosia, delight of my heart, resident of Kudandai! You protect me, ending all my endless Karmas. After becoming your servant, must I still suffer?
- 11. This decad of the thousand songs, sweeter than flute's melody, are Sung by Kurugur Satakopa who found refuge at the feet of Krishna, Who drank the demoness's breasts and dried her life to the bones.

 Those who sing it flawlessly will be adored by fawn-eyed dames.

TMV 5.9 Maneinokku

- 1. O fawn-eyed friends, This wretched self wanes day by day. The Lord resides in Tiruvallaval, where Areca trees touch the sky, In nectared fragrance-wafting Jasmine gardens and honey-dripping fruit orchards.
 Alas I when will this devotee self reach his feet ?
- 2. O Sakhis, why do you disappoint me thus? The Lord stands in Tiruvallaval where soft winds waft the fragrance Of golden fresh Punnai, Magil and Madavi flowers. Alas! When will we take the dust of his feet on our heads?
- 3. O flower-coiffured friends! Woe is me, I thin. The Lord resides in cool Tiruvallaval amid fragrant smoke Risen from the Vedic altar, where Saman chants rise like the roaring sea. Alas! When will we see his feet without interruption?

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- 4. O Sakhis! Why do you hurt me thus endlessly?

 The Lord reclines in Tiruvallaval on hooded snake amid tall

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 Nesting in the bowers of betel and areca, jackfruit, coconut

 and plantain.

 His well-being alone is our good.
- 5. O good-natured Sakhis! The smoke from the good Brahmins, Vedic sacrifices Clouds the sky in cool Tiruvallaval. That sweet ambrosia, That fruit, that sugar candy has stolen my well-being. Alas! When will my eyes see that radiant from?

- 6. O berry-lipped Sakhis! The Lord who came as a beautiful dwarf Resides in fertile Tiruvallaval where trees grow tall and dense In groves where fresh breeze blows and bees make music like harp-strings.

 Alas! When will this unfortunate self see his blossomed
- 7. Good doll-Sakhis! The Lord, our Master who swallowed the universe, Resides in Tiruvallaval, where lotus and water-lily grow tall in large water tanks, And reach the radiant faces and eyes of the womenfolk.

 Alas! When will we worship his feet with flowers everyday?
- 8. O radiant forehead Sakhis! The Lord who strode the earth Resides in Tiruvallaval amid marshy fields abounding in flowers Where sugarcanes sway sweetly and golden paddy ripens filling fhe quarters.

 Alas, when will we worship his feet everyday without end?
- 9. The Lord of abiding grace and spinning discus
 Resides in Tiruvallaval amid cool groves,
 Where young bumblebees drink nectar and hum like flute and
 Yal.
 When will we worship his form and restore our slipped
 bangles?
- 10. Sakhis! The earth and heaven know the abiding grace Qf Narayana residing in the good city of Tiruvallaval, Our Lord praised high by many thousand devotees. Will it be our fortune to chant his names with love?
- 11. This decad of the thousand songs, on peaceful Tiruvallaval Sung by Kurugur Satakopa with knowledge and understanding, Are addressed to the Lord of thousand names, Those who sing it will excel in this world.

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TMV 5.10 Pirandavarun

- 2. Your killing the bulls for Nappinnai's hand, ripping the jaws
 Of monstrous horse, your Rasa-krida with sweet coiffured
 Gopis,
 Are hard to describe as thus or thus. Your many acts
 thin me.
 O first cause of the Universe, when will I join you?
- Your radiance, as a child sucking Putana's poisoned breasts, Your valour, as a boy, destroying the chariot with lotus-foot, Then your standing in fear, tears welling, when your mother Hearing you stole butter, took the stick,—these melt my heart
- 4. Entering stealthily into the cities af Asuras disguised,
 Striking terror in their hearts, destroying them by the score,
 Then the mat-haired Siva entering into your person
 indistinguishably,
 These enter my haart, melt and drink soul.
- 5. Your wonderful acts, of eating food-offerings kept for Indra
 Then holding aloft the mountain to stop the angry rains,
 Your creating the world, then swallowing, bringing out,
 Measuring and marrying dame Earth, melt my heart like wax
 in a fire

- Countless are your visible and invisible wonderous deeds I,
 In standing, in sitting, and in reclining.
 I think and think, yet cannot ever comprehend you.
 O radiant Lord who swallowed the earth, show this sinner
 a way.
- 7. I faint at the thought of the things you do to me.

 Standing as radiance amidst darkness, truth amidst non-being,
 You come and fill my eyes. My gem-hued Lord, grace your
 presence
 Just one day, that my eyes may take in your form deeply.
- 8. Whenever I hear about your beautiful reclining form,
 The red lotus navel and Brahma on it, your entering his
 wombs
 In your great acts of creation, and your peerless domain
 over all,
 My heart melts and tears flood my eyes, what shall I do?
- 9. Whenever I hear of how you begged for three feet of land, Then stood up and took the earth and sky and ocean in two strides, And how you achieved your ends, my heart melts for you alone.
 O this wicked Karmic self, when will I ever join you?
- 10. The way you joined in the churning of the ocean, for Amruta, The tricks you played to help the Devas, leaving out the Asuras, These enter my heart and melt my soul.
 O Lord on poisonous snake-couch, tell me how may I seek you.
- 11r This decad of the Andadi of thousand songs, are
 By Kurugur Satakopa, worshipping everyday with single mind
 The feet of the serpent couch Lord as sole refuge.
 Those who can sing it will enjoy high Vaikuntha forever.

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